

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A messaging service method comprising:  
receiving from a mobile client device, identification of a first recipient eligible to receive location information of a user of the mobile client device;  
receiving from the mobile client device, a current location of thea user;  
selecting thea first recipient to receive the user's current location, based at least in part on an identity of the user, and independent of a current communication relationship between the first recipient and the messaging service; and  
transmitting the user's current location to the selected first recipient, including establishing a communication connection to the first recipient, if the first recipient is not in current communication with the messaging service.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises accumulating received locations of the user to form an activity log of the user.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the method further comprises receiving from the mobile client device indication that said first recipient is also to receive the activity log, and said transmitting includes transmitting said activity log.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the activity log of the user further comprises a duration of time at each of the locations visited by the user.
5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises accessing a navigation web site to obtain map related information, and said transmitting further comprises including said obtained map related information.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises receiving a request from a second recipient to receive location information of the user, verifying eligibility of the second recipient to receive location information of the user, and transmitting location information of the user to the second recipient, if the second recipient is verified to be eligible to receive location information of the user.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving the method further comprises receiving from the mobile client device, the identity of the user.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises receiving from the mobile client device an eligibility duration of the first recipient, and said selecting comprises selecting-determining whether the first recipient from a predetermined table of candidate recipients, with each candidate recipient having an eligibility duration remains eligible to receive location information of the user.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein either at least one of said receiving comprises receiving from the mobile client device via a wireless communication connection, or said transmitting comprises transmitting to the first recipient via a wireless communication connection.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic apparatus comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of instructions that are machine executable, wherein the instructions are adapted to enable the portable electronic apparatus to submit an identification of a first recipient eligible to receive location information of a user of the portable electronic apparatus to a messaging service, the first recipient being remotely disposed from the apparatus and the messaging service, to submit an identity of a user, and a current location of the user to thea messaging service, on behalf of the user, to enable the messaging service to select, a the first recipient remotely disposed from the apparatus and the message service to receive the user's current location, based at least in part on the identity of the user and independent of a current communication relationship between the first recipient and the messaginge service, and transmit the user's current location to the selected first recipient; and

a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the instructions.

15. (Currently amended) The portable electronic apparatus of claim 14, wherein the instructions are further adapted to accumulate locations of the user to form an activity log of the user, and submit the activity log to the messaginge service.

16. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic apparatus of claim 14, wherein the instructions are further adapted to sense one or more bio-metric data of the user, and perform said submission of a current location of the user, based at least in part on the sensed one or more bio-metric data of the user.

17. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic apparatus of claim 16, wherein the instructions are further adapted to access a global positioning system (GPS) to determine a current location of the user.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic apparatus of claim 14, wherein the portable electronic apparatus further comprises a function button, and the instructions are further adapted to perform said submission, in response to a singular user action, selecting the function button.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic apparatus of claim 14, wherein the instructions are further adapted to submit an eligibility period of the first recipient.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of instructions to receive from a mobile client device, a submission of an identity of a first recipient eligible to receive location information of user of the mobile client device, and a submission of a current location of the user ~~from a mobile client device of the user~~, to select the a first recipient to receive the user's current location, based at least in part on the identity of the user and independent of a current communication relationship or lack of a current communication relationship between the apparatus and the first recipient, and to transmit the user's current location to the selected first recipient; and

a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the instructions.

23. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the instructions are further adapted to accumulate submitted locations of the user to form an activity log of the user.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the instructions are further adapted to ~~facilitate the user in setting~~ receive from the mobile client device, an eligibility duration for the first recipient, within which the first recipient is eligible to receive the location information of the user of the mobile client device.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the instructions are further adapted to access a navigation web site to obtain map related information to include the map related information with said current location of the user.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the instructions are further adapted to receive a request from a second recipient for the current location information of the user, determine eligibility of the second recipient, and transmit the user's current location to the second recipient, if the second recipient is determined to be eligible to receive the current location information of the user.

29. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first recipient has an eligibility duration, and the instructions are adapted to further take into consideration the first recipients' eligibility duration when performing said selection of the first recipient.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the instructions are further adapted to receive from the mobile client device, an identity of the selected first recipient.